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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN SUDAN - TRANSITION FROM RELIEF TO DEVELOPMENT

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1. IN ABSENCE FROM GENEVA FOR NUMBER DAYS OF MACE AND JAMIESON OF UNHCR, MISOFF DISCUSSED WITH CUENOD TRANSITION FROM UNHCR TO UNDP IN SOUTHERN SUDAN. CUENOD HAS HAD MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN UNHCR FOR TRANSITION PLANS AND IS DOUBTLESS MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE.

2. CUENOD SAID AT OUTSET UNHCR HAS BEEN CONCERNED WITH TRANSITION FOR SOME TIME AND HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH UNDP TO ENSURE SMOOTH TRANSITION. TURNOVER DATE OF JULY 1, 1973 FIRM WHEN UNHCR WILL CEASE OPERATIONS (EXCEPT FOR REPATRIATION) AND FIRST UNDP PROJECT WILL COMMENCE. FINAL DRAFT OF UNDP PROGRAM NOW READY FOR APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BODY IN MAY.

3. ACCORDING TO CUENOD, UNHCR HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT IN KHARTOUM, GENEVA AND WHEREVER ELSE IN CONTACT WITH RESPONSIBLE GOS OFFICIALS TO INFORM THEM OF NATURE OF UNDP DEVELOPMENT VS. UNHCR RELIEF ASSISTANCE. UNHCR HAS INFORMED GOS IT CANNOT EXPECT FOOD, EQUIPMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION FROM UNDP AND THAT UNDP ASSISTANCE WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LESS DIRECT AND TANGIBLE. CUENOD SAID UNDP - MAKIEDO TOLD UNHCR RECENTLY IN GENEVA HE BELIEVED GOS UNDERSTANDS THIS AND THERE WILL BE NO BAD SURPRISES.

4. IN EFFORT SECURE CONTINUITY AND PROTECT INVESTMENT IN UNHCR PROJECTS, UNHCR AND UNDP COMPARED PROGRAMS AND TRIED PROVIDE UNDP EXPERTS WHO COULD ASSIST GOS CARRY ON UNHCR PROJECTS. CUENOD CITED AS EXAMPLE MECHANICAL ENGINEER WHO WILL SUPERVISE MAINTENANCE AT THREE DEPOTS OF TRUCKS AND ROAD GRADERS VALUED AT ABOUT \$1,000,000 WHICH UNHCR FURNISHED GOS. EXPERT WILL ALSO TRAIN SUDANESE MECHANICS. PROVISION OF UNDP FISHERIES EXPERT FOR GOS PROJECT FOR FORMER ANYANYA WHICH HAS \$75,000 EQUIPMENT FROM UNHCR CITED AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE. CUENOD CHARACTERIZED UNDP PROGRAM AS WELL CONCEIVED AND PROPERLY FOCUSED ON AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS ENVISAGED TO AID RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS.

5. CUENOD LEAVING FOR KHARTOUM MARCH 20 TO REMAIN UNTIL APRIL 8, TO BE REPLACED BY DEMELLO UNTIL MID- MAY WHEN JAMIESON RETURNS FOR LAST TOUR. REPATRIATION FROM CAR AND ETHIOPIA EXPECTED BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30 BUT NOT FROM ZAIRE AND UGANDA. UNHCR WILL KEEP PERSONNEL IN SUDAN UNTIL REPATRIATION COMPLETED.

6. MISSION WILL DISCUSS TRANSITION PROBLEM FURTHER WITH MACE AND/ OR JAMIESON UPON THEIR RETURN TO GENEVA NEXT WEEK. RIMESTAD

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